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Sir:

This Amendment for the above-identified application is in response to the final Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) on October 3, 2003. Applicant respectfully submits that the requested amendments only cancel a rejected claim and correct an obvious error in the Sequence Listing to make it conform with the Specification, and therefore place the application in condition for allowance. A Terminal

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